

of infectious diseases, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, tuberculosis, malaria, HIV or influenza.

36. The method as claimed in claim 21 wherein the peptide is AMASTEGNV or LQNLARTI.

37. A peptide selected from AMASTEGNV and LQNLARTI.

38. A vaccine comprising at least one peptide according to claim 17.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make reference to the parent PCT application.

The claims have been revised to define the invention with additional clarity. Support for the claims can be found throughout the application, including at page 2, line 27, page 6, lines 11 to 13, Example 3 and claim 5 as originally filed.

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